4TH MEETING
TECHNOLOGY SUBGROUP

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2010
12:00 PM

MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Reston, Virginia

Subgroup Members Present:
Anne Gavin
Mark Herzog
Caren Merrick
Bob Skunda

I.   Call to Order
Anne Gavin, Chair, called to order the 4th meeting of the Technology Subgroup at 12:12 PM on September 14th at the Microsoft Technology Center in Reston, VA.

II.   Roll Call
All members were present.

III.   Minutes
The minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and approved.

IV.   Presentation
John Sokolowski, Executive Director of VA Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University. He gave an overview of the program, its history, its purpose, and its needs. The program engages in scholarly research, promotes economic development, and supports workforce development. 1 of 4 universities in the country with actual degree programs in modeling and simulation. The degree is a fully accredited engineering degree. Not just military focused, but health care research, business process analysis, financial analysis, etc, extremely multidisciplinary. Collaborates with small and large industries, government organizations, and other universities and academic organizations. Have wetlab space for start up companies. Need to start modeling and simulation learning at the middle school level. Great problem solving and investigative tool. Businesses need some state level incentive to invest in this area.

V.   Discussion of Final Report
The subgroup discussed their final recommendations and how to present them in the final report. Main recommendations include: access to capital for existing and new technology companies, funding and incentive for building wet labs and shell buildings, relocation fund to bring technology companies to Virginia, and better market our incentives for technology innovation and entrepreneurship.

VI.   Public Comment
No public comment.

VII.   Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.